

1 [Opposing the Repeal of Senate Bill 2.]

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3 **Resolution expressing support for expanding health care coverage for uninsured San**  
4 **Franciscans and helping to ensure quality coverage for low and moderate income**  
5 **workers and opposing the repeal of Senate Bill 2 and urging an affirmative vote on the**  
6 **November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 referendum.**

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8 WHEREAS, On September 12<sup>th</sup> of 2003, both houses of the California State  
9 Legislature approved a conference report on Senate Bill 2; and

10 WHEREAS, On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Governor Gray Davis officially signed Senate Bill 2  
11 into law; and,

12 WHEREAS, The California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) estimates the number of  
13 uninsured in San Francisco as 92,000, and of those fully 51% (nearly 44,000) are working full  
14 time with another 7,000 working part-time; and,

15 WHEREAS, SB 2 extends health coverage to up to a million now-uninsured  
16 Californians, and provides security to the millions more that now get coverage through their  
17 employer, but are afraid of rising health care costs or losing their coverage altogether; and,

18 WHEREAS, Starting in 2006, the bill gradually builds upon our current health system,  
19 by which over 18 million Californians get health coverage through their employer by giving  
20 employers with 50 or more workers the choice of buying coverage for those workers directly  
21 or paying into a statewide buying pool that would work to get employers the lowest rates  
22 possible and by requiring employers with 200 or more workers to provide family coverage for  
23 its workers; and,

24 WHEREAS, SB 2 stipulates that workers of employers of 50 or more would be  
25 guaranteed basic health benefits, comparable to the standard HMO package that includes

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1 preventative care, hospital care, and prescription drugs, and paying no more than 20% of the  
2 monthly premiums—or for low-income workers, not more than 5% of their income; and,

3 WHEREAS, Under SB 2, those who are insured would keep their existing coverage,  
4 removing the most potent argument against reform---that they would lose benefits under any  
5 reform or new system; and,

6 WHEREAS, SB 2 has been endorsed by a broad coalition of organizations including  
7 AARP California, the American College of Surgeons, the American Civil Liberties Union of  
8 Southern California, California ACORN, CA Alliance for Retired Americans, the California  
9 Black Health Network, the California Federation of Teachers, the California Labor Federation,  
10 the California Medical Association, the California Teachers Association, Gray Panthers  
11 California, Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, Latino Coalition  
12 for a Healthy California, National Council of Raza, the San Francisco Organizing Project,  
13 United Auto Workers, Region 5, United Nurses Associations of California/Union of Health  
14 Care Professionals, among others; and,

15 WHEREAS, While many employers stayed neutral during debate over SB 2 in the  
16 State Assembly and Senate, major opposition has come from large employers in the retail  
17 and fast-food industries, which are more likely to not provide health benefits, including  
18 companies like Wal-Mart and McDonald's; and,

19 WHEREAS, Opponents successfully placed a measure on the November 2, 2004  
20 ballot to repeal SB 2; now, therefore, be it,

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
22 supports expanding health care coverage for uninsured San Franciscans and helping to  
23 ensure quality coverage for low and moderate income workers; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board opposes the repeal of SB 2 and urges an  
25 affirmative vote on the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 referendum.

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## Tails Resolution

**File Number:** 040880

**Date Passed:**

Resolution expressing support for expanding health care coverage for uninsured San Franciscans and helping to ensure quality coverage for low and moderate income workers and opposing the repeal of Senate Bill 2 and urging an affirmative vote on the November 2nd, 2004 referendum.

June 22, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval  
Excused: 1 - Ma

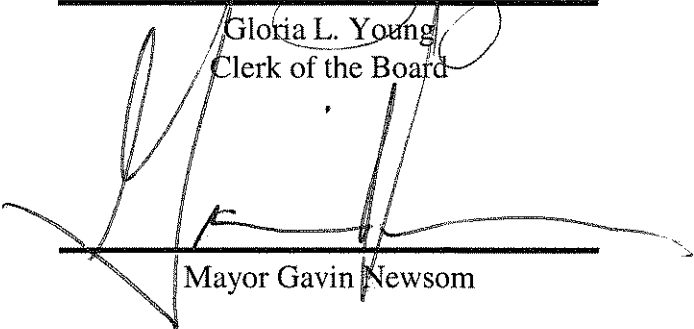
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 22, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Mayor Gavin Newsom